

SOUTHERN ANNUAL FOREST INVENTORY SYSTEM

The Southern Annual Forest Inventory System (SAFIS) was developed as a partnership among the U.S. Forest Service, state foresters, forest industry, universities and others to perform forest inventories. It is a continuous inventory system designed to sample a percentage of all Forest Inventory Analysis plots each year. Measurement of the plots on an annual basis provides stable and uniform confidence intervals on data collected. Data collection in Louisiana began in 2000.

SAFIS takes place of cyclic inventory systems, which in some cases the time interval between cycles is 10 to 15 years. SAFIS inventory data will be updated each year, allowing for the constant monitoring of events and trends such as growth and removal, wildfire, hurricanes, insect infestation, and etc. SAFIS will provide current, reliable data necessary to properly manage southern forests.

For information regarding the 1991 forest survey please go to the [1991 survey page](#).